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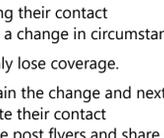
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IDOH Updates

Medicaid Eligibility Changes

Your help is needed to protect vulnerable Hoosiers who are currently covered by Medicaid. As many as 500,000 Hoosiers could be impacted by upcoming eligibility changes required by federal law. Your organizations and programs may serve some of these individuals. The changes are the result of the recently passed federal spending bill, which ends the pandemic-related eligibility provisions on March 31, 2023. This means regular determinations for coverage will begin again, and actions to adjust, reduce or eliminate coverage will be allowed beginning in April 2023.



The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has been sending communications to Medicaid-covered individuals explaining the actions they need to take to maintain their eligibility, which include updating their contact information and responding to ongoing verification requests when there is a change in circumstances.

We ask that you also help spread the word so that Hoosiers do not suddenly lose coverage.

FSSA has provided flyers, social media toolkits and other resources to explain the change and next steps [here](#). A poster with a QR code that can help individuals quickly update their contact information can be found [here](#) and is available in multiple languages. Please post flyers and share this information through your communications channels, including social media, to remind clients to submit their information promptly and to alert the programs that assist Hoosiers with the Medicaid redetermination process.

We appreciate your help as we work to ensure that Hoosiers do not experience a gap in benefits.

Legislative Updates

The 2023 Indiana Legislative Session is underway until *sine die* (the end of the legislative process) on April 29. The Trauma Times is highlighting two bills:

- [Senate Bill 4](#) addresses the Governor's Public Health Commission (GPHC) recommendations. SB 4 has passed out of the Indiana State Senate, and there have been minor changes to the funding mechanism.
- [House Bill 1001](#) is the state budget. HB 1001 has been passed out of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Please visit the Indiana General Assembly website for more information for calendars, links to bills, places to watch hearings and other useful information.

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Hundreds rally for Public Health Day

On Jan.26, hundreds of public health advocates from across the state gathered at the Indiana Statehouse to celebrate the important role public health plays in Hoosiers' daily lives and learn more about efforts to improve how services are delivered around the state.



Speakers at the event included Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, former state Sen. Luke Kenley, Dr. Judy Monroe, a former state health commissioner who serves as CEO of the CDC Foundation, and former Congresswoman Susan Brooks.

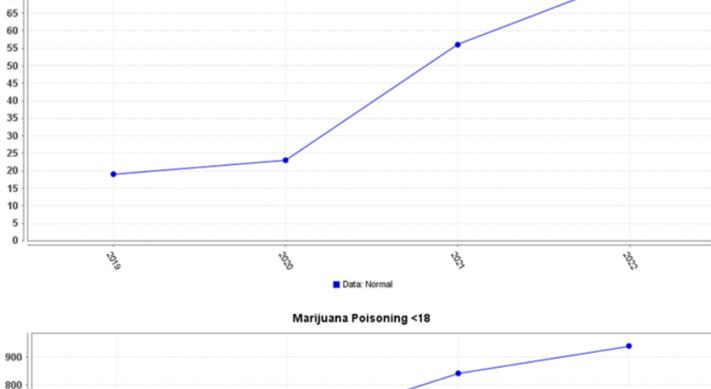
Kenley and Monroe served as co-chairs, and Brooks was citizen advisor for the [Governor's Public Health Commission](#), which conducted a months-long examination of Indiana's public health system. The commission's report included recommendations for increased funding to support the local delivery of core public health services, which is a key component of Governor Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda and budget proposal.

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Division Updates

Marijuana Poisonings in Youth Younger than 18 increase

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) receives near-real time data from reporting hospitals through the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE). This system allows public health professionals across the state to monitor unexpected increases in emergency department visits for injuries, illness and disease. According to ESSENCE, Indiana has seen an increase in emergency department visits for marijuana poisoning concerns in youth younger than 18 by nearly 52% from 2019 to 2022. The National Poison Data System (NPDS) has also reported an increase in youth marijuana exposure calls across the country, with many cases reported involving children younger than age 5.



The most common marijuana exposure incidents among youth occur from unintentionally consuming edible marijuana products. THC food products are often made to closely resemble popular brand name candy and snacks. Some popular THC-infused products include cookies, brownies, gummy bears, lollipops, and chocolate bars.

Exposure to edible marijuana products can be dangerous for children and adolescents. Some common symptoms of marijuana ingestion within youth include excessive sleepiness, dizziness, poor coordination, slurred speech or trouble breathing. The high potency of edible marijuana products may increase the severity of symptoms and require hospital monitoring or admission among young children. Parents and caregivers should immediately contact poison control at 1-800-222-1222, regardless of signs or symptoms, for expert advice after a suspected ingestion of marijuana products. The hotline is free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you are a member of a local health department or reporting hospital facility, and are interested in learning more about ESSENCE and obtaining access, please email Shelby Nierman at snierman@health.in.gov.

Narcan Moves Closer To Being Sold Over The Counter

Two federal panels of addiction experts in February unanimously recommended that Narcan, the overdose-reversing nasal spray, be made widely available without a prescription, a significant step in the effort to stem skyrocketing drug fatalities.

Making Narcan an over-the-counter drug has been urged by doctors, patient advocacy groups and the Biden administration.

The Biden administration has made expanding access to the medicine a priority in its efforts to combat the overdose crisis, which reached a record 107,000 deaths in 2021. The rising fatalities include people addicted to opioids as well as those who illegally purchased prescription medications like Xanax or Percocet that had been tainted with the deadly synthetic opioid, fentanyl. Experts at Wednesday's daylong hearing noted that even stimulants like methamphetamine and cocaine are being mixed with fentanyl, leading to even greater numbers of accidental overdoses.

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Escalating costs of self-injury mortality

Self-injury mortality, which includes suicides, drug overdose deaths and deaths of undetermined intent, has surpassed diabetes, kidney disease, the flu and pneumonia as the cause of death in the United States. In 1999/2000, the average of annual self-injury deaths was 40,834. In 2018/2019, the average of self-injury deaths was 101,325. Estimated national costs of these deaths rose by 143% from \$0.46 trillion to \$1.12 trillion.

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A Review of Interventions for Adult Drowning Prevention

The Journal of Community Health shared a review of 22 studies describing drowning interventions with adults. Over half of the studies included in this review used socio-ecological strategies (e.g., increased water barriers or availability of rescue equipment) that reduced the number of drownings over time. The study findings encouraged using strategies that target both the person at risk and regulations. In contrast, studies that focused only on individual-level behavior reported on short-term changes.

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Opportunities

IDOH Local Health Department Naloxone Grant

IDOH is accepting applications to the Local Health Department Naloxone Kit Grant Opportunity. The intent of this grant is to provide emergency Opioid Rescue Kits to local health departments that will then be distributed to the community.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application by April 15, 2023. Applications beyond this date will still be reviewed based on available funding, but entities are encouraged to apply early to guarantee doses for their organization.

To learn more, please visit:

- [The REDCap application](#)
- [The full project description](#)

Please email questions to [Laura Hollowell](mailto:Laura.Hollowell), naloxone program manager.

JMPA Cares Microgrants

JMPA Cares is providing microgrants of \$2,500-\$5,000 to organizations doing vital work to advance infant health and safety in their communities. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 14.

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Consumer Product Safety Commission Pool Safely Grant

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is seeking applications for its Pool Safely Grant Program (PSGP or grant program) to assist state and local governments in reducing deaths and injuries from drowning and drain entrapment incidents in pools and spas. CPSC will award up to a total of \$3.5 million in two-year grants to qualifying jurisdictions. The PSGP is an essential part of CPSC's national campaign to prevent drowning and drain entrapment. Drowning is one of the leading cause of deaths among young children. Applications will be accepted through April 30.

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Upcoming Events

Opioid ECHO Clinics

When: Ongoing

Where: Online

There are several Indiana University ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) biweekly clinics addressing opioid use disorder for different disciplines such as first responders, prescribers, and non-clinical service professionals for 2023. Visit this page to learn more about each of the clinics and how to participate.

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2023 SAVIR Annual Conference

When: April 17-19

Where: Denver

The Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) is holding its 2023 conference: "Co-Creating Real-World Solutions: Science, Policy and Practice to Prevent Injury and Violence." The conference is the premier gathering of injury and violence prevention researchers and professionals. Learn more about safety promotion through cutting-edge methods, research, practice, and policy.

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Suicide Research Symposium

When: April 26-28

Where: Online

The second annual Suicide Research Symposium is free and taking place virtually. Participants will have the opportunity to network with other suicide researchers, as well as explore inclusive and equitable practices in suicide research and presentation.

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70th Annual Scientific Meeting

When: April 29, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

Where: Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center, Noblesville

At the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, presentations include topics such as pediatric surgeries in rural America, disparities in breast cancer management, vascular trauma, and more.

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25th Annual Trauma Conference

When: April 30-May 5

Where: Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Trauma Center Association of America is holding its annual conference where hospital and trauma system administrative professionals can attend courses to learn about system development, performance improvement, and leadership development. The conference seeks to prepare participants to address the issues confronting trauma centers and systems, now and in the future.

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Parkview 32nd Annual Trauma Symposium

When: May 18, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT

Where: Ceruti's Summit Park, Fort Wayne

Join Parkview for the 32nd Annual Trauma Symposium, which will spotlight presentations featuring topics such as the Indiana trauma system, standards in trauma resuscitation, and best practices in VTE prophylaxis.

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